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| | | PRECEDENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROUTINE | 50X1-HUM |
| COUNTRY EAST GERMANY | | | |
| SUBJECT COMMUNIST NERVOUSNESS IN EAST GERMANY | | | |
| | | REFERENCE: | |
| <p>1. ON 25 OCTOBER HELMUTH MEILLER, CHIEF OF ABTEILUNG LEITENDE VERBANDSORGANE OF THE FDJ CENTRAL COUNCIL, WAS CHAIRMAN OF A MEETING OF THE CHIEFS OF ALL BEZIRKSLEITUNG CENTRAL COUNCILS. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HAND DOWN THE LINE ON THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN SITUATIONS. FDJ FUNCTIONARIES WERE ORDERED TO STRESS THAT THE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS NOT TORN BY THE TYPE OF INTERNAL STRIFE, WHICH HAD CAUSED THE INABILITY OF THE OTHER TWO GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE HUNGARIAN, TO DEAL WITH COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY FORCES. FUNCTIONARIES WERE TO DEFLECT DISCUSSIONS AWAY FROM THOSE TWO COUNTRIES AND TAKE THE POLITICAL OFFENSIVE BY POINTING OUT POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS ELSEWHERE.</p> <p>2. FDJ FUNCTIONARIES WERE ORDERED TO VISIT AT LEAST ONE FACTORY AND FDJ UNIT PER DAY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LINE WAS BEING PROPERLY SPREAD. ALL FDJ BEZIRKSLEITUNGEN, IN ADDITION TO THEIR REGULAR MONTHLY REPORTS, WERE TO FILE A</p> | | | |
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DAILY TELETYPE REPORT TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL ADVISING ON THE TEMPER OF THE POPULATION, PARTICULARLY ON ANY INDICATIONS THAT THE WORKERS WERE PREPARING STRIKES OR ANY OTHER FORMS OF UNREST.

3. SEVERAL FUNCTIONARIES CRITICIZED THE PARTY HANDLING OF RECENT NEWS EVENTS, SAYING THAT EVEN PARTY FUNCTIONARIES WERE BEING FORCED TO DEPEND ON THE WESTERN PRESS FOR COVERAGE. MUELLER SAID THIS SHOWED A COMPLETE MISUNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE PARTY PRESS SHOULD BE READ.

4. ON 29 OCTOBER EDUARD GOETZL, FIRST SECRETARY OF SED BEZIRKSLEITUNG POTSDAM, CALLED A MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL MASS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AREA AND HANDED OUT THE LATEST LINE ON HUNGARY. HE SAID THAT EVENTS THERE WERE BEING UNDERESTIMATED BY MANY FUNCTIONARIES AND THAT THIS WAS DANGEROUS, SINCE THE IMPERIALISTS MIGHT ALSO ATTEMPT A PUTSCH IN THE GDR. HE SAID IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THE PARTY BE KEPT INFORMED ON THE TEMPER OF THE POPULATION, AND INTELLECTUAL CIRCLES SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO PARTICULARLY CLOSE SCRUTINY.

5. GOETZL STATED THAT ABSOLUTELY NO DEMANDS FOR A CHANGE IN THE GDR GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE TOLERATED, ABOVE ALL, NO AGITATION AGAINST WALTER ULBRICHT.

6. [REDACTED] GOETZL ADMITTED THAT THE SED POLITEBURO WAS NOT YET CLEAR AS TO HOW IT SHOULD REGARD POLAND. IF PARTY MEMBERS SHOULD REQUEST ADVICE ON A JUDGMENT OF GOMULKA, FUNCTIONARIES SHOULD TELL THEM THAT HE STOOD FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH THE USSR AND THAT HIS OTHER POLITICAL BELIEFS, PAST AND PRESENT, WERE AN INTERNAL POLISH MATTER.

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